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Mr. Benjamin Mandel  
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 Internal Security Subcommittee  
 United States Senate  
 Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mandel:

Reference is made to our letter of 26 November 1956, <sup>with</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>we forwarded the final</sup> ~~promised printed~~ <sup>compilation of data on</sup> ~~copies of the lists of international Communist front organizations, prepared~~ <sup>at that time we stated that printed copies of these directories would be</sup> ~~at your request.~~ <sup>forwarded to you upon completion.</sup>

Attached are two sets of the directories, ~~which~~ <sup>additional copies</sup> are available upon request. To the extent that information was available, the directories provide ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> data concerning the headquarters address, executive officers, regional bureaus and officers, official publications, and claimed or estimated membership of the following international Communist-front organizations:

- International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL)
- International Broadcasting Organization (OIR)
- International Committee for the Promotion of Trade (ICPT)
- International Federation of Resistance Fighters (FIR)
- ~~Inter~~International Organization of Journalists (IOJ)
- International Union of Students (IUS)
- World Congress of Doctors (WCD)
- World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY)
- World Federation of Scientific Workers (WFSW)
- Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF)
- World Peace Council (WPC)
- World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)

*Double space* ~~World Federation of Teachers' Unions (FISE)~~  
~~Communist Societies of Friendship and Cultural Relations~~  
 In addition, the directories list the name, address, official publication,

and claimed or estimated membership of the various national affiliates or parallel organizations, as well as the various Communist societies of friendship and cultural relations. The information contained in the directories is that available as of 1 October 1956.

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With particular reference to Communist societies of friendship and cultural relations, the directory lists in Section A the Soviet, Chinese, East European satellite, North Korean and North Vietnamese organizations which are known or believed to provide ultimate guidance for the Communist-dominated societies of friendship and cultural relations throughout the world and to exploit these societies as vehicles for propaganda. In Section B are listed all the Communist controlled friendship-cultural relations societies known to exist throughout the world.

*(As you are aware, we have spontaneously included a directory of the Communist societies of friendship and cultural relations in this response to your original request)*  
The significance of friendship and cultural relations societies as instruments

useful to the intelligence services to the Soviet Union, Communist China, and other Communist countries is confirmed. The Report of the Royal Commission on Espionage, published by the Commonwealth of Australia in August 1955, for example, clarified the use of the Australia-Soviet Friendship Society to further the effort of Soviet espionage in that country. Certain key officers of the Society served as intelligence agents performing any task demanded of them, and the membership as a whole was regarded by a Soviet intelligence service as a source of manpower which could be drawn upon to supply operational information. The advantages which these societies offer as channels of communication for intelligence services of countries of the Communist bloc have been noted in other areas.

As requested in our letter of 19 November 1956, it is desired that this Agency's concurrence be obtained prior to any publication, dissemination or use of the directories outside the Internal Security Subcommittee, United States Senate. We believe these directories will prove of interest to other U.S. Government agencies, and are therefore making such a distribution.

Sincerely,

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